1	2	3	4	5
32	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.6	0.6	0.6
33	Daman & Diu	0.12	0.14	0.53
34	Lakshadweep	1.32	1.4	1.38
35	Pondicherry	2.04	*22*	2.18
	TOTAL:	2545.68	2018.39	2229.66

Further allocations and distribution to eligible BPL families in Districts and Panchayat Blocks through Fair Price Shops are done by respective States/UT Governments.

Substandard wheat imported for BPL people

1410. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been importing substandard wheat for distribution to the people below poverty line; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Buffer stock of rice, wheat and pulses

1411. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food security concerns have spurred Government to launch a massive mission aimed at increasing grain production and stocking more rice, wheat and pulses;

(b) whethter it is also a fact that Government plan to bolster the buffer stocks of these three grains by importing as well as increasing the acreage of cultivation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the grain shortage in the country is expected to be about 20 million tonnes by 2009; and

(d) if so, the details of Government's proposed plan to increase the buffer stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)" has been approved to be launched from 2007-08 to enhance the production of rice, wheat

and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes respectively by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan. The scheme would cover 133 districts for rice in 12 States, 138 districts for wheat in 9 States and 168 districts for pulses in 14 States.

An outlay of Rs. 4882.48 crore has been provided for the scheme.

(c) and (d) As per the assessment of the Planning Commission on Demand and Supply of foodgrains for the Eleventh Plan period, the anticipated demand (normative approach) for 2008-09 is likely to be 227 million tonnes. Based on annual growth rate method, the supply is expected to be 223 millions tonnes. This is likely to result in a gap of about 4 million tonnes of foodgrains.

Procurement of foodgrains

1412. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of procurement of foodgrain in the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 till 31st July, 2007;

(b) whether the task of procurement is shouldered by FCI alone or the help of any private agency is being accepted, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what measures Government are going to take in the States where FCI does not participate in procurement, so that, the fanners are not subjected to distress sale; and

(d) the details of the anti-hoarding drive lodged by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The quantity of wheat, rice and coarsegrains procured by the Government agencies for the Central Pool in Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) (April-March) and Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) (October-September) 2005-06 to 2007-08 is given below:-

(in lakh tonnes)

Marketing Season	Wheat (RMS)	Rice (KMS)	Coarsegrains
2005-06	147.85	276.56	11.44
2006-07	92.31	249.21 (upto 31.7.2007)	Negligible
2007-08	111.04	To commence from 1.10.2007	

(b) Procurement of wheat and rice for the Central Pool is undertaken by Government Agencies (FCI and State Agencies). However, FCI has also utilized the services of National Collateral Management Services Limited (NCMSL) and National Bulk Handling Corporation (NBHC) for procurement of paddy in KMS 2006-07, who have procured 770727 tonnes and 12862 tonnes respectively. In RMS 2006-07, NCMSL procured 93 MT of wheat on behalf of FCI.